

**3501.670-2 Documents to be submitted for legal review.**

The following documents are to be submitted in connection with contract actions requiring legal review pursuant to 3501.670-1:

(a) For proposed construction contracts, a copy of the solicitation documents, excluding drawings, prior to the time they are furnished to prospective offerors, when feasible;

(b) For all other proposed contracts and agreements, a copy of the document to be used in the solicitation and/or award, including any other documents, excluding drawings, which support the proposed procurement action, prior to the time they are mailed to the prospective offerors, when feasible;

(c) For all other contract actions not specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, a copy of the document itself and copies of all other documents, excluding drawings, relating to the action.

**3501.670-3 General Counsel's legal review.**

(a) The General Counsel shall conduct a review of the legal sufficiency of the contract action. The General Counsel shall provide to the contracting officer a written determination of whether the proposed action is legally sufficient, or the details of any insufficiency and a recommended course of action to overcome the insufficiency. A contracting officer shall not take action which is contrary to a written and timely determination of legal insufficiency from the General Counsel.

(b) The General Counsel shall complete the legal review as quickly as possible, with due regard to those procurement actions where circumstances dictate an unusually short period for completing the action.

**PART 3502—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS**

AUTHORITY: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); Article XI of the Agreement in Implementation of Article III of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977.

**Subpart 3502.1—Definitions****3502.101 Definitions.**

*Administrator* means the chief executive officer of the Panama Canal Commission. The Administrator, subject to the direction and under the supervision of the Board of Directors, exercises general and active control over the Commission's offices, business and operations, and general supervision over its officials, agents, attorneys, and employees. As contemplated at FAR 2.101, unless otherwise indicated, "Administrator" also means the Commission's Deputy Administrator.

*Agency head* means the Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission.

*Bureau Director* means an official appointed by the Administrator to direct and manage one of the Commission's three operating bureaus.

*Commission* means the Panama Canal Commission.

*Designated Agency Ethics Official* means an individual appointed by the Administrator pursuant to the "Ethics in Government Act of 1978" to coordinate and manage the agency's ethics program and to act as the principal contact with the Office of Government Ethics.

*Designated contractors* (sometimes referred to as "special regime contractors") means:

(a)(1) Natural persons who are nationals or permanent residents of the United States, or

(2) Corporations or other legal entities organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, and which are under the effective control of such natural persons—

(i) To whom contracts are awarded by the Panama Canal Commission for work to be performed in whole or in part in the Republic of Panama, and

(ii) Who are so designated in writing by the Commission.

(b) The term also includes subcontractors of designated contractors (1) who are nationals or permanent residents of the United States, or (2) which are corporations or other legal entities organized under the laws of the